

Legality of Loyalty Oath Challenged, Defended.

New Bus Route Adds Service For El Nido

Additional bus service beginning on April 3 for residents of the El Nido district was promised yesterday by Marshall Chamberlain, manager of the Torrance Municipal Lines.

The new route will proceed to Redondo Beach boulevard and Prairie avenue along the route now followed by buses leaving Torrance. At that intersection the route will follow south on Prairie avenue to 182nd street, turning westward onto 182nd street to Hawthorne boulevard and then back north to connect with the Sunset stages at Redondo Beach and Hawthorne boulevards.

First bus taking the new route will leave Torrance at 6:30 a.m. April 3. The fare will be 15 cents for the trip, Chamberlain said.

LET'S GO SHOPPING

By HELEN CAMPBELL

Just how fresh one should expect candies to be and where to find candies as fresh as you are sure they should be is a good subject at Easter time when the world's mothers are planning (willing or not) to fill huge baskets to the brim with every kind of sweet—providing it looks like an egg or bunny. CURRIE'S candies, like all other Currie products, are strictly fresh. Made in Currie's own kitchens, of the finest ingredients—they arrive at branch stores the day after they are made. So you can't go wrong here. Currie's famous ice cream cakes are at their holiday best this year and are decorated with frolicking bunnies or an Easter cross. Torrance store is at 1664 Croft street.

Children's shops are about the most important spots in town, at Easter. KIDDIE LANE—1316 Sartori avenue—has just about everything that you hope to find when you shop for the small fry. I was delighted with the smart dresses at this shop—sized from 1 to 14 years. Full blown organdies with hooped petticoats, dainty dotted swiss and of course lovely silk and rayon numbers. There is even a rack of summery dresses that are marked way down. Gay "Easter" Shanters (wide striped T-shirts) with matching socks, will just need a pair of slacks to fit the younger gent out for parading. Of course if HE goes western this spring—Kiddie Lane has thought of that, too. Shop early.

The Easter bunny has really been working overtime at BERNARD'S FAMILY SHOE STORE—1319 Sartori. Beautiful shoes in smart spring and summer colors, and of course white. Yes, for the whole family, and including those sturdy, carefully designed Buster Browns that help small feet grow and develop as they should. By the way—the new Buster Brown Comies are in—be sure and get your copy. Easter isn't far off—take a day off and shop early.

The delicious tiny veal cutlets that I feel helped as much as "spaghetti" to make Italian food popular in America will be on the menu at Torrance's newest cafe when it formally opens March 31. The ROMA CAFE—located at 2083 Torrance boulevard—will not only feature real fine Spaghetti and Veal Scallop but will also feature such fine Italian dishes as Chicken Cacciatore and Italian Pizza. For one dollar, there will be a complete dinner from Minestrini to Bisque Tortoni. The owners, Josephine and Nick Felola, are darlings and plan a family atmosphere that will extend from the business man's lunch to the after-show crowd. I forgot to ask, but I think breakfasts will be strictly Americana. All featured entrees can be ordered in quantities for club or home dinners, etc. Call TOR 208 for further information or to place an order.

When readying the house for Easter festivities (house cleaning) it's a good thing to know that at the NATIONAL PAINT AND WALLPAPER STORE, so conveniently located at 1405 1/2 Sartori avenue, are many specialized waxes and polishes (and applicators). These special-featured products are the key to keeping that ever-new look on fine furniture, woodwork, etc.

Candidate Answers Vet's Challenge on Number Four

Charges that Amendment Number Four—the Loyalty Oath Amendment, was unconstitutional, were denied yesterday by City Attorney C. Douglass Smith, author of the proposed amendment.

C. Ed. Jones, candidate for the City Council, leveled the charge that the amendment was unconstitutional on the grounds that it was in violation of the Constitution of the State of California.

Quoting the Constitution in a letter to the Herald this week, Jones stated: "... no other oath, declaration, or test, shall be required as qualification for any office or public trust."

He further maintained that the State Legislature would not approve of the amendment because it violated the State Constitution.

Attorney Smith refuted both statements, claiming:

1. The loyalty oath is not a QUALIFICATION for office and that a man may be elected to the office without taking the oath.

2. That the proposed amendment was taken word for word from the charter of the City of Redondo Beach which was passed by the voters of that city in January of 1949 and subsequently approved by the State Legislature.

Jones said that he believed employees could be forced to take the oath as a condition of contract subsequent to employment by the city. However, he said that he believed that elective officers of the city, such as councilmen and other officers of the city, could not be forced to take the loyalty oath.

Jones' challenge as to the constitutionality of the proposed amendment came following the publication of a Letter to the Editor in last week's issue of the Torrance Herald. Jones claims he was maligned by the letter, authored by a former Marine, and which criticized the Torrance Veterans Council for endorsing a candidate for office who was against the passage of

You can also rent a small electric waxer at this shop that will be of endless help as well as labor-saving. For the hobby side of your life this is where you can buy all materials necessary for ceramics; also textile paints and artists' supplies.

"Subteens" or in-betweeners are at the TINY TIKE SHOP. These frocks are carefully designed for teenagers who are just a little too big, and proudly so, for children's clothes and yet have not quite reached the trim maturity of the young sophisticate. Suggesting the season's best type casuals, which have become more or less ageless, smartly designed Subteens are very effective with buttons and bows and looseness in just the right places. Butcher linens, crisp cottons, informal soft tafetans—that go most anywhere, including a party. Your subteen will be as good as a pea-cock in any one of these lovelies for Easter. TINY TIKE is at 1333 El Prado—shop early.

Often in the lives of mortals there comes a time when we need copies of important documents. THE TORRANCE BLUE CO., 2227 Torrance boulevard, is exactly where you go for anything that comes under the head of photographs, blue prints or direct prints, whether it is written, printed, or typed. Believe it or not, the document can't be more than 54 inches wide but could be a mile long.

I miss seeing AUTOETTES here and there and everywhere. Those easy-to-drive three-wheelers that go 20 miles on a single charging (from your house current) and cost around a dollar a month to operate. So perfect for shopping and browsing around, I often wonder why there are so few in Torrance. If interested in having one to go with your Easter dress, call Long Beach 670316 or write AUTOETTE SALES & SERVICE—495 Alamitos, in Long Beach.

The inspiring Easter Sunrise Services at GREEN HILLS MEMORIAL PARK (Rolling Hills on Western) will start at 5:15 a.m. Easter Sunday morning. Trumpeters will herald another dawn of the risen Christ and a hundred well-chosen voices will sing Easter hymns. Rev. Claude Young of Grace Methodist in Long Beach has been chosen to give the Easter message, while Rev. J. B. Reemstma of Lomita will tell the Scripture story. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend from the sponsors, the Cooperative Ministers of the Harbor Area. There will be plenty of parking space and plenty of seats; for any further information call Torrance 2602.

Until next week—Good Shopping. (Advertisement)

Wordage Used in Present Loyalty Oath Adopted

A motion by City Councilman George Powell Tuesday night resulted in action by the council which will adopt the wording of the present loyalty oath as the basis for the oath that city employees will be required to take.

The oath will require that all city officers and employees swear or affirm that they are not now, nor have been, a member of any organization advocating the overthrow of the United States Government.

the Loyalty Oath Amendment. Jones' full statement to the Herald in which he claims the oath is expressly forbidden by the state constitution and which asserts that the state legislature could request referendum on oath limitations, is printed below:

"I am a loyal citizen of Torrance, the State of California and the United States of America. I came to Los Angeles County 34 years ago. My two sons, Charles Edward Jones and Robert Ellsworth Jones, were aviators in the last war. Mine is an old American family from Tennessee and Missouri. I don't know whether my ancestors came over on the Mayflower or met the boat. But Captain Bill Jones commanded the ship. "Of course I am for proof of loyalty and the strongest language that can be used in a pledge of allegiance and loyalty by all appointed and hired city employees."

The Supreme Court recently approved dismissal by the President of a woman appointee for disloyalty reasons. The grounds stated were that her appointment was a privilege, not a right, and that she could be dismissed in the same manner as appointed.

"I have been maligned in a recent article in the Torrance Herald because I oppose the adoption of Proposition No. 4. Please note that it includes elected officials after you have elected them into office. Public officials' total oath of office is specified in the State Constitution. The elimination of those limitations of the Constitutional Oath can be done only by Statute. Referendum, not by Torrance. I quote references:

"From Article 20, Section 3, Paragraph 2, Constitution of the State of California: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of... according to the best of my ability."

"And no other oath, declaration or test, shall be required as qualification for any office or public trust. (Constitution of 1849, Art. XI, § 3, revised 1879."

"Proposed Amendment No. 4—VOTE NO RECOMMENDED. Clearly unconstitutional."

"Section 2. Oaths of Office. All officials, officers, members of boards, or commissions, and employees shall take and file with the City Clerk the oath of office required by the Constitution and the laws of the State. In addition to the oath of office, and as a part thereof, the City Council shall by ordinance require all of the persons herein mentioned, including members of the City Council, to affirm their loyalty to the United States of America and its principles of government. The oath of office of the City Clerk shall be taken by and filed with the Mayor."

"(All bold-face emphasis is my own.) "The present City of Torrance Charter has been approved by the State Legislature, including the constitutional oath, Article 8, Section 2, which follows: "Oath of Office. Every officer shall take the constitutional oath of office and subscribe thereto before entering upon the performance of his official duties."

"As candidate for City Council, I have stated publicly that only Amendments No. 1, No. 2, No. 13 and No. 14 deserve a 'Yes' vote, in my opinion. The others are inane, unconstitutional or have double meanings, not for the public good. "Yours for a 'Greater Torrance.' "C. ED JONES."



A PAUSE FOR REFRESHMENTS . . . Shirley Gish and Norman Betencourt, regulars at the Teen Age Dances held each week at the VFW Hall, pause for refreshments and to make plans for the spring frolic dance held there Thursday, April 13, from 8 p.m. 'til midnight.—Herald photo.

Council Acts to Outlaw Marble Machines, Punchboards in City

Though pinball machines and punchboards may not be passe—they are nevertheless on the way out.

Following a motion by City Councilman George Powell at last Tuesday night's meeting, the council approved a motion directing City Attorney C. Douglass Smith to draft an ordinance banning punchboards and coin-operated amusement devices.

Other action taken by the council included: Talking under consideration a plan to use a huge excavation on the Standard Oil Company property near Walteria for a dump for non-combustible solid material.

Set a special meeting for 5 p.m. Thursday afternoon to take action which will give a grant deed to the California National Guard for an army site. Proposed is a \$400,000 armory to be located on Arlington avenue near the Santa Fe Railway.

Referred to the council for further study a report on a proposed bus line along Hawthorne boulevard to serve the residents of West Torrance.

Set a meeting between the members of the new council (to be elected April 11) and members of the school board and other commissions and boards to study the problem of quickly diminishing school sites.

Took under advisement a recommendation by City Manager George W. Stevens that the city purchase five acres of land adjacent to the present city dump. The site is now an abandoned clay pit and would be used by the city for cut and fill purposes. Cost of the land was said to be \$10,000.

Denied a license to J. A. Garsh to operate an auto salvage yard at 1810 Torrance boulevard. The Council followed a recommendation of the planning commission that the permit be denied on the grounds that the location is near the entrance to the city and that there is no other similar business in the area.

SEVEN FISH PER MAN

The rigors of party boat fishing off the California coast in December were compensated by an average daily catch of seven fish for each of 3,020 anglers, says the Division of Fish and Game.

From operators of 23 sport fishing boats, the Marine Fisheries Laboratory gathered reports which showed a monthly catch of 15,290 rock fish, 1110 ocean whiterfish, 490 white sea bass, 450 sculpin, 350 mackerel and 2070 fish of other species.

ENGLISH MADE KNITTER

First knitting machine was invented in 1859 by William Lee, a native of England. Power was first applied to knitting machines in Albany, New York in 1931.

USUAL SUNDAY WORK

The typical American minister preaches two sermons on Sunday and teaches an adult Sunday school class.

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City Attorney Explains Need For 'Loyalty Oath' Amendment

"Amendment Number 4, requiring city employees to take a loyalty oath, attempts to create a law where no law now exists."

Thus City Attorney C. Douglass Smith explained the proposed amendment and refuted a statement by the Torrance Veterans Council that the law was a "Welcome Comrade" amendment.

Controversy over the proposed amendment arose last week when a former Marine challenged the Veterans Council over their endorsement of C. Ed. Jones, a candidate for council, who advocated a "No" vote on the loyalty oath. The veteran opposed Jones' endorsement through a letter to the editor published in last week's issue of the Torrance Herald.

The Veterans Council maintains that the new amendment is weaker than the oath now required of the city's employees in that it does not require:

1. That the employee "swear" to the oath—only "affirm" his allegiance.

2. That no mention is made of any past or present membership in any subversive organization.

Smith stated that:

1. The present loyalty oath given city employees is not binding nor enforceable since it is administered under a "motion" of a councilman and not under an ordinance.

2. The amendment as worded does not and is not the actual oath that will be administered to employees, commissions, and boards serving the city.

3. The proposed amendment, if passed, would make it mandatory that the City Council pass an ordinance in which the actual wording of the oath would be established by the City Council.

4. The words "affirm" and "swear" have been held by the Supreme Court to be synonymous. (He explained that members of the Quaker faith will not "swear" but will "affirm" and that this has been upheld in the courts.)

"I am wholeheartedly in favor of a loyalty oath and think the city should have a law, not a motion as full of holes as a fish net," Smith stated.

Following is the letter received this week from C. N. Weber, chairman of the Torrance Veterans Council:

March 24, 1950. Editor, Torrance Herald,

Dear Sir: In your issue of March 23, you published a letter from a Marine Corps Veteran criticizing the Torrance Veterans Council for endorsing Mr. C. Ed. Jones, a candidate for City Councilman, because he recommended a "No" vote on amendment No. 4.

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